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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/016,628
Docket No.: SH-0028US
Our Reference: RYU.008

Dear Examiner Barreca:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on August 11, 2004, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Toru Shirasaki

Serial No.: 10/016,628 Group Art Unit: 1756

Filed: December 17, 2001 Examiner: Barreca, Nicole M.

For: PELLICLE, PHOTOMASK, PELLICLE FRAME, AND METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING PELLICLE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-21 and 23-25 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 14-15, and 19 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claim 22 is canceled. Claims 1, 14, and 19 are independent.